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At the end of September 1946 a functionary of the SED said a propos of a debate on the land reform program that the SMA, the Land and Provincial Administrations, as well as the SED party are well aware of the fact that the present condition of the land reform is causing a lowering of agricultural production. However, the present stage of development is only a temporary solution which has fulfilled only the first goal of the land reform, namely, the "severance of the large estates from private economy." As yet it is too early to initiate the next step of the land reform, since the German people are not ready for it. However, one of the foremost aims of the SED party is to achieve the Soviet model of the state land management in terms of a united, regulated, and controlled business on a large scale.

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